

**Transmittal of Patent Application - Rul 1.53(b)**

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Title: WELDED SAMPLE PREPARATION ARTICLES AND METHODS

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1. ☒ Enclosed is the above-identified new patent application. It includes:  
     26 Pages of Specification (including claims and abstract)  
     52 Number of Claims  
     3 Sheets of Drawings
2. ☐ This application claims priority to Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☒ Enclosed is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. ☒ Enclosed is an executed Assignment to 3M Innovative Properties Company and a completed Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
5. ☐ Enclosed is a Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (if foreign priority is claimed).
6. ☐ Other enclosures:
7. ☒ The fee for filing this application is computed as follows:

Claims as Filed				
(1) For	(2) Number Filed	(3) Number Extra	(4) Rate	(5) Basic Fee: \$750.00
Total claims	52	- 20 =	32	x \$18.00
Independent claims	4	- 3 =	1	x \$84.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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